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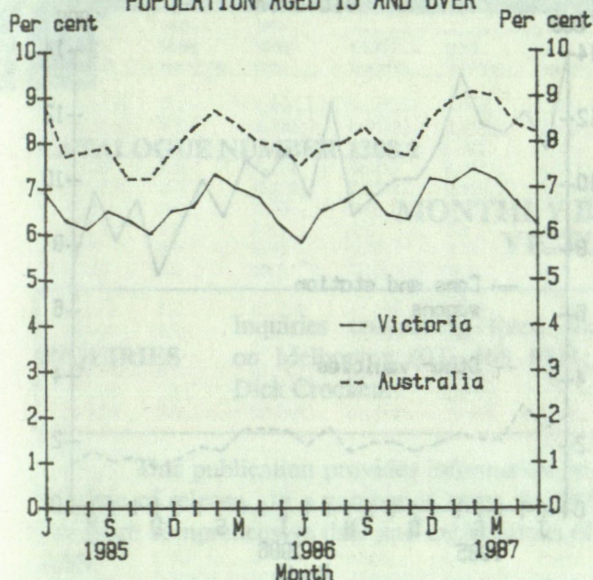
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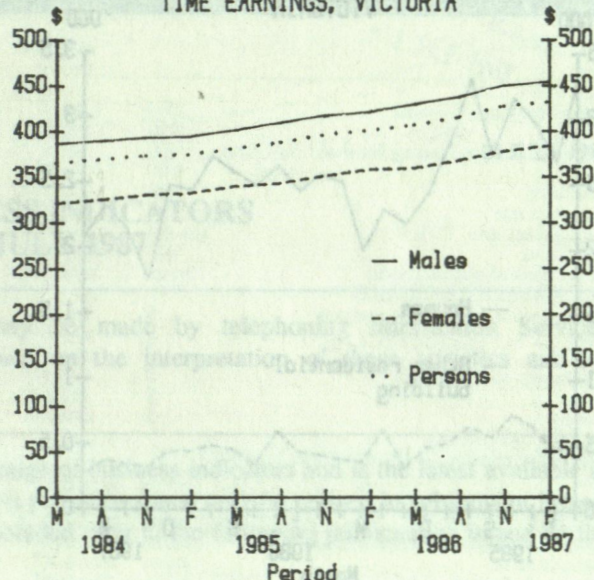
| Indicator | | Latest period | Latest figure | Figures for preceding three periods | | | Figure one year ago | Change over year per cent | Latest Aust. figure | Change over year Aust. per cent |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | | One period | Two periods | Three periods | | | | |
| LABOUR FORCE (a) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employed persons - full-time | '000 | May 87 | 1,548.5 | 1,540.4 | 1,552.0 | 1,547.5 | 1,505.0 | 2.9 | 5,680.4 | 1.2 |
| - total | '000 | May 87 | 1,929.3 | 1,919.3 | 1,928.5 | 1,887.4 | 1,856.3 | 3.9 | 7,084.3 | 2.0 |
| Unemployed persons looking for work - full-time | '000 | May 87 | 103.1 | 106.4 | 115.1 | 119.8 | 91.8 | 12.3 | 530.0 | 9.7 |
| - total | '000 | May 87 | 127.9 | 136.9 | 150.3 | 150.0 | 123.3 | 3.7 | 634.4 | 7.1 |
| Labour force | '000 | May 87 | 2,057.2 | 2,056.2 | 2,078.7 | 2,037.4 | 1,979.7 | 3.9 | 7,718.7 | 2.4 |
| Participation rate | per cent | May 87 | 62.9 | 63.0 | 63.8 | 62.6 | 61.7 | 1.9 | 62.0 | 0.0 |
| Unemployment rate | per cent | May 87 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 7.2 | 7.4 | 6.2 | 0.0 | 8.2 | 3.8 |
| Job vacancies | '000 | Feb 87 | 18.0 | 12.8 | 12.9 | 16.8 | 17.0 | 5.9 | 62.7 | 6.3 |
| Overtime worked per employee | hours | Feb 87 | 1.38 | 1.40 | 1.22 | 1.41 | 1.44 | -4.2 | 1.19 | -4.8 |
| AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time adult ordinary time earnings - | \$ | Feb 87 | 432.50 | 427.70 | 415.60 | 407.20 | 401.20 | 7.8 | 429.90 | 6.3 |
| Males | \$ | Feb 87 | 454.60 | 450.30 | 437.50 | 429.70 | 421.50 | 7.9 | 454.80 | 6.5 |
| Females | \$ | Feb 87 | 384.10 | 378.30 | 368.30 | 359.80 | 358.40 | 7.2 | 375.70 | 6.5 |
| All employees total earnings | \$ | Feb 87 | 391.70 | 388.50 | 374.80 | 374.80 | 370.10 | 5.9 | 381.80 | 4.8 |
| Males | \$ | Feb 87 | 447.80 | 446.70 | 429.50 | 425.70 | 423.50 | 5.7 | 445.30 | 5.3 |
| Females | \$ | Feb 87 | 307.90 | 301.00 | 294.50 | 297.10 | 290.50 | 6.0 | 291.10 | 5.3 |
| CONSUMER PRICES (b) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Food | index | Mar qr 87 | 160.2 | 158.9 | 156.1 | 152.0 | 147.2 | 8.8 | 157.7 | 7.9 |
| Clothing | index | Mar qr 87 | 151.8 | 151.3 | 145.9 | 144.6 | 138.1 | 9.9 | 153.1 | 10.1 |
| Housing | index | Mar qr 87 | 176.9 | 173.9 | 171.3 | 168.6 | 164.8 | 7.3 | 166.2 | 7.2 |
| Household equipment & operation | index | Mar qr 87 | 163.0 | 161.3 | 156.8 | 153.7 | 152.3 | 7.0 | 162.1 | 6.6 |
| Transportation | index | Mar qr 87 | 169.9 | 164.5 | 156.8 | 149.6 | 153.8 | 10.5 | 176.8 | 11.2 |
| Tobacco & alcohol | index | Mar qr 87 | 181.2 | 176.8 | 171.8 | 168.1 | 165.1 | 9.8 | 185.2 | 10.6 |
| Health & personal care | index | Mar qr 87 | 168.5 | 164.1 | 151.4 | 147.4 | 142.4 | 18.3 | 158.7 | 18.9 |
| Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100) | index | Mar qr 87 | 146.8 | 142.1 | 139.8 | 136.8 | 134.1 | 9.5 | 143.8 | 9.6 |
| All groups | index | Mar qr 87 | 166.0 | 162.9 | 158.2 | 154.2 | 151.8 | 9.4 | 164.7 | 9.4 |
| RETAIL SALES (excl. motor vehicles, etc) | \$m | Mar 87 | 1,234.6 | 1,146.4 | 1,231.6 | 1,714.0 | 1,106.0 | 11.6 | 4,541.6 | 9.1 |
| PRODUCTION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clay bricks | million | Mar 87 | 44 | 36 | 21 | 33 | 35 | 25.7 | 171 | 3.0 |
| Ready mixed concrete | '000 cu.m | Mar 87 | 295 | 276 | 188 | 236 | 243 | 21.4 | 1,185 | 3.9 |
| Plastics & synthetic resins (c) | tonnes | Mar 87 | 33,608 | 34,967 | 24,886 | 32,573 | 51,568 | -34.8 | 50,678 | -6.9 |
| Textile floor coverings | '000 sq.m | Mar 87 | 2,954 | 2,755 | 1,124 | 3,505 | 2,611 | 13.1 | 3,362 | 5.6 |
| Cars & station wagons | '000 | Mar 87 | 14.9 | 15.5 | 2.4 | 13.4 | 17.0 | -12.4 | 25.3 | -14.2 |
| Yarns - Cotton | tonnes | Mar 87 | 983 | 901 | 282 | 617 | 832 | 18.1 | 1,958 | 12.0 |
| - Wool | tonnes | Mar 87 | 1,459 | 1,367 | 583 | 1,262 | 1,393 | 4.7 | 1,949 | -2.0 |
| Woven fabric - Cotton | '000 sq.m | Mar 87 | 1,644 | 1,635 | 346 | 1,401 | 1,696 | -3.1 | 3,284 | -0.1 |
| - Woollen | '000 sq.m | Mar 87 | 328 | 349 | 209 | 255 | 350 | -6.3 | 978 | -3.0 |
| - Man-made fibres | '000 sq.m | Mar 87 | 7,400 | 7,340 | 1,577 | 6,363 | 7,460 | -0.8 | 15,343 | 6.3 |
| Electricity | million kWh | Mar 87 | 2,617 | 2,413 | 2,450 | 2,292 | 2,272 | 15.2 | 10,803 | 5.2 |
| OVERSEAS TRADE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Imports | \$m | Apr 87 | 1,084.7 | 1,081.4 | 1,067.2 | 1,094.2 | 1,089.7 | -0.5 | 2,896.6 | -2.3 |
| Exports (excl. re-exports) | \$m | Apr 87 | 651.9 | 694.2 | 569.9 | 581.3 | 442.1 | 47.5 | 2,711.8 | 15.4 |
| BUILDING | | | | | | | | | | |
| Approvals - | | | | | | | | | | |
| New houses | No. | Apr 87 | 2,087 | 2,322 | 2,141 | 1,758 | 2,515 | -17.0 | 7,324 | -11.1 |
| New other residential building | No. | Apr 87 | 255 | 375 | 345 | 319 | 391 | -34.8 | 1,890 | -9.8 |
| Value of all building | \$m | Apr 87 | 416.6 | 410.7 | 315.0 | 336.9 | 368.8 | 13.0 | 1,401.2 | -5.7 |
| Commencements - | | | | | | | | | | |
| New houses | No. | Dec qr 86 | 7,410 | 6,840 | 6,750 | 6,930 | 8,150 | -9.1 | 23,530 | -16.3 |
| Value of new houses | \$m | Dec qr 86 | 480.1 | 445.8 | 426.6 | 424.8 | 494.2 | -2.9 | 1,428.2 | -9.3 |
| New other residential buildings | No. | Dec qr 86 | 1,245 | 1,352 | 1,150 | 1,385 | 1,695 | -26.5 | 6,837 | -15.6 |
| Value of new other residential buildings | \$m | Dec qr 86 | 59.2 | 57.9 | 47.9 | 56.6 | 68.1 | -13.1 | 339.3 | -3.9 |
| Value of non-residential building | \$m | Dec qr 86 | 358.0 | 874.1 | 429.0 | 496.5 | 428.1 | -16.4 | 1,974.8 | -10.8 |
| Value of all building | \$m | Dec qr 86 | 991.4 | 1,459.1 | 990.5 | 1,053.0 | 1,072.5 | -7.6 | 4,023.7 | -8.5 |
| Work done in period | \$m | Dec qr 86 | 1,168.4 | 1,221.8 | 1,173.3 | 980.1 | 1,116.7 | 4.6 | 4,468.4 | 1.0 |
| PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS - (d) | | | | | | | | | | |
| House building (1985-86=100) | index | Mar 87 | 106.3 | 106.0 | 105.7 | 105.4 | 101.5 | 4.7 | 107.1 | 5.8 |
| Other than house building (1979-80=100) | index | Mar 87 | 180.5 | 178.9 | 177.6 | 176.9 | 168.6 | 7.1 | 183.6 | 7.4 |
| NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cars & station wagons | No. | Apr 87 | 8,726 | 11,359 | 9,535 | 10,990 | 14,982 | -41.8 | 32,015 | -38.4 |
| Other motor vehicles (excl. motor cycles) | No. | Apr 87 | 7,448 | 9,653 | 8,153 | 9,419 | 12,459 | -40.2 | 26,205 | -35.1 |
| Motor cycles | No. | Apr 87 | 1,278 | 1,706 | 1,382 | 1,571 | 2,523 | -49.3 | 5,810 | -49.9 |
| Motor cycles | No. | Apr 87 | 324 | 368 | 486 | 471 | 768 | -57.8 | 1,355 | -55.3 |
| BANKS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period | \$m | Apr 87 | 18,616 | 17,960 | 17,777 | 17,579 | 15,877 | 17.3 | 48,953 | 21.3 |
| Major trading - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current deposits | \$m | Apr 87 | 4,887 | 5,058 | 4,647 | 4,639 | 4,170 | 17.2 | 16,388 | 16.7 |
| Fixed deposits | \$m | Apr 87 | 8,203 | 8,293 | 8,201 | 8,018 | 8,867 | -7.5 | 30,328 | -3.7 |
| Advances | \$m | Apr 87 | 14,023 | 13,775 | 13,371 | 13,337 | 12,056 | 16.3 | 45,599 | 9.1 |
| Debits to customers' accounts (e) | \$m | Apr 87 | 27,509 | 29,758 | 26,290 | 23,340 | 25,301 | 8.7 | 121,036 | 29.1 |
| HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Secured commitments to individuals - | \$m | Mar 87 | 370.7 | 344.8 | 292.7 | 361.2 | 231.0 | 60.5 | 1,188.4 | 56.1 |
| Savings banks | \$m | Mar 87 | 313.8 | 296.4 | 250.8 | 300.5 | 163.9 | 91.5 | 857.7 | 134.3 |
| Trading banks | \$m | Mar 87 | 19.7 | 18.0 | 15.0 | 24.1 | 25.7 | -23.3 | 82.9 | -39.8 |
| Permanent building societies | \$m | Mar 87 | 20.8 | 16.1 | 14.5 | 21.0 | 20.1 | 3.5 | 169.9 | 9.2 |
| Other lenders | \$m | Mar 87 | 16.4 | 14.2 | 12.4 | 15.7 | 21.2 | -22.6 | 77.9 | -23.6 |
| ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (f) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | \$m | Dec qr 86 | 1,673 | 1,588 | 1,435 | 1,058 | 1,316 | 27.1 | 6,287 | 22.3 |
| Finance | \$m | Dec qr 86 | 613 | 604 | 535 | 383 | 478 | 28.2 | 1,675 | 27.4 |
| New building and structures | \$m | Dec qr 86 | 626 | 630 | 564 | 425 | 525 | 19.2 | 2,233 | 17.3 |
| Other new capital equipment | \$m | Dec qr 86 | 381 | 432 | 378 | 205 | 333 | 14.4 | 1,889 | 17.5 |
| | \$m | Dec qr 86 | 1,292 | 1,156 | 1,058 | 853 | 983 | 31.4 | 4,398 | 24.4 |

(a) Labour force figures from January 1985 have been adjusted to allow comparison with published data from April 1986. (b) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (c) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendaring only. (d) The Australian figures for the Price indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (e) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (f) By private enterprises.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER

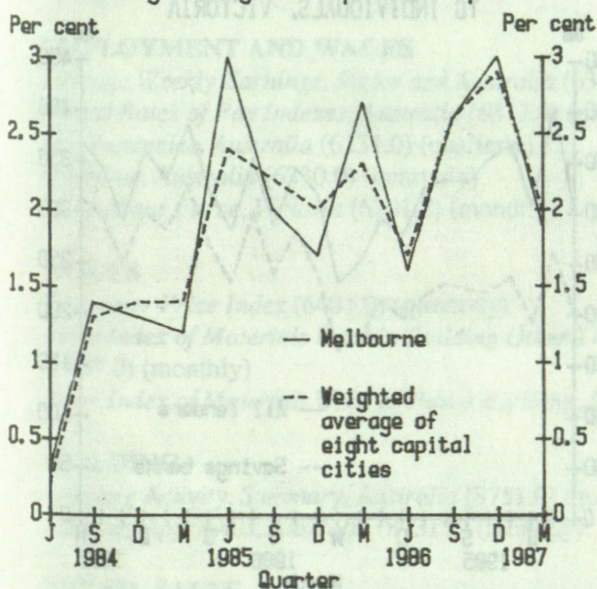


FULL-TIME ADULT AVERAGE WEEKLY ORDINARY TIME EARNINGS, VICTORIA

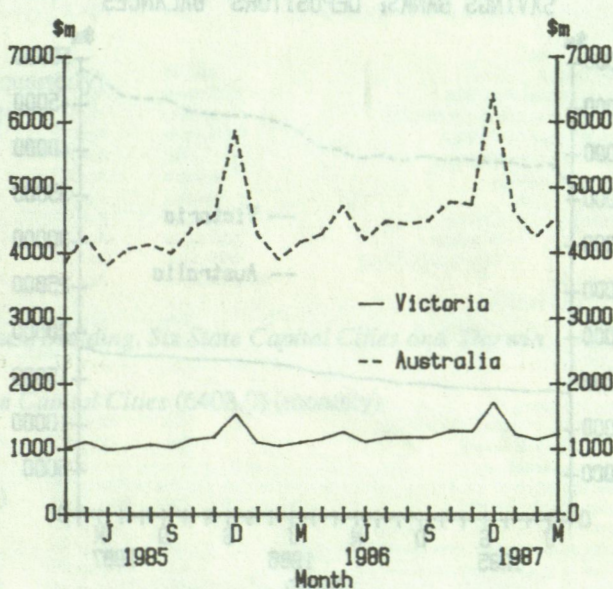


CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS

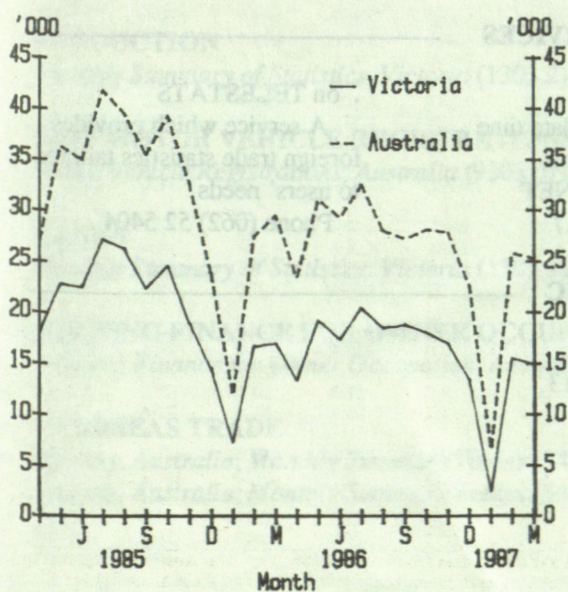
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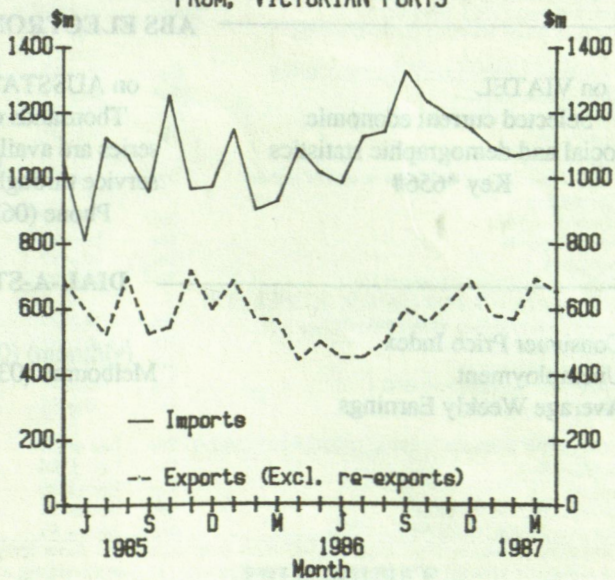
VALUE OF RETAIL SALES

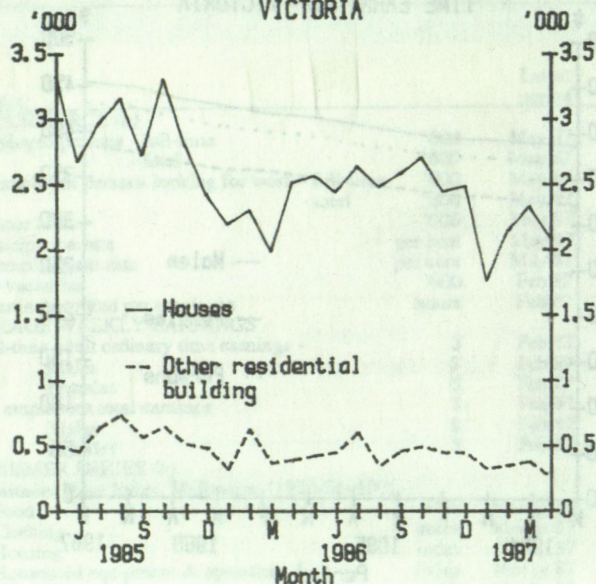
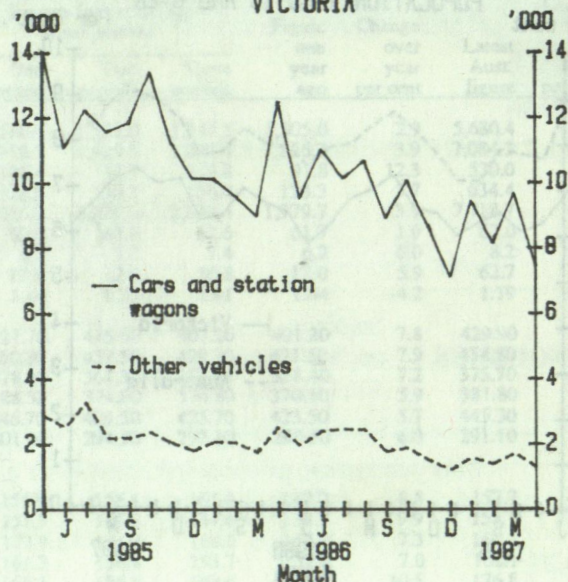


PRODUCTION OF CARS AND STATION WAGONS

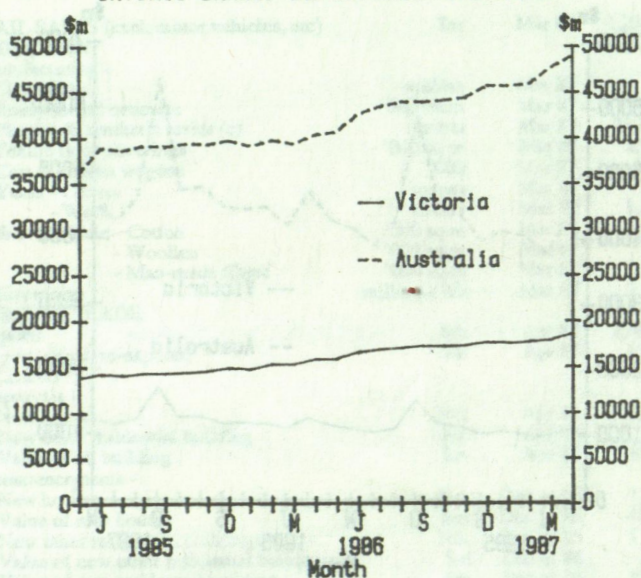
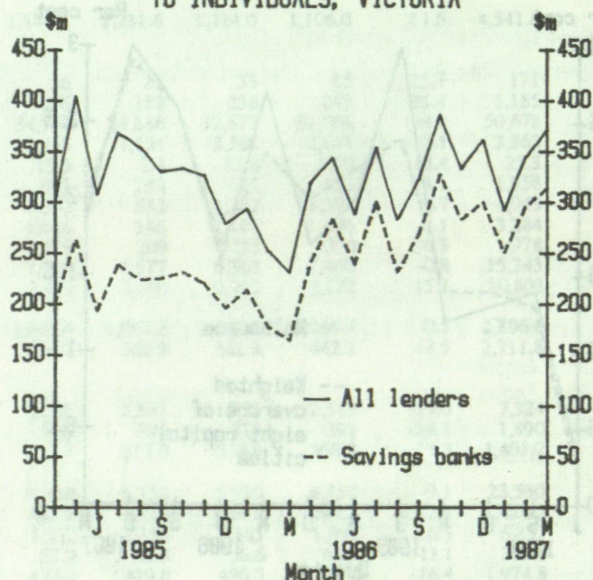


VALUE OF IMPORTS INTO, AND EXPORTS FROM, VICTORIAN PORTS



NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS APPROVED,
VICTORIANEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED,
VICTORIA

SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES

SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS
TO INDIVIDUALS, VICTORIA

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